
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5724

AN ACT PROHIBITING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES FROM SERVING ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES.

SUMMARY:

The law, with certain exceptions, prohibits municipal employees from serving on a board of finance, which sets the town budget and mill rate. This bill additionally prohibits them from serving on a local government body that exercises the powers of a board of finance. The prohibition does not apply if a municipal charter or home rule ordinance explicitly permits such service.

By law, municipal employees have the right to serve on a local government body in towns where they both live and work, except (1) boards of finance; (2) bodies exercising zoning, land use, or planning powers; (3) bodies regulating inland wetlands and watercourses; and (4) bodies responsible for supervising them directly as employees. The second and third prohibitions do not apply if a local ordinance authorizes such service. Under current law, the first three prohibitions do not apply if (1) a local charter or home rule ordinance explicitly allows such service or (2) they serve only in their capacity as a member of the town's legislative body. The bill eliminates the exception for legislative body membership.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2013

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 15 Nay 4 (04/01/2013)